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SUBJECT: LOS - MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FROM AUSTRIAN  
FOREIGN MINISTER

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FROM  
THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DATED AUGUST 20 IN RESPONSE  
TO THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 3. THIS MESSAGE WAS  
DELIVERED BY THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY ON AUGUST 23.

2. BEGIN TEXT. QTE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, IN  
REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 3, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE  
YOU THAT AUSTRIA CONTINUES TO ATTACH THE GREATEST  
IMPORTANCE TO THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS IN THE LAW OF THE  
SEA CONFERENCE. THIS ATTITUDE HAS MARKED THE PARTICI-  
PATION OF AUSTRIAN DELEGATIONS IN ALL PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF  
THE CONFERENCE AND CONTINUES TO INSPIRE THE AUSTRIAN  
REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CURRENT SESSION.

MY GOVERNMENT IS ALSO AWARE OF THE FARREACHING CON-  
SEQUENCES WHICH SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA  
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CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MANY

COUNTRIES, FOR PROGRESS IN THE CODIFICATION OF AND RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND, ABOVE ALL, FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. FOR THESE REASONS, THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO WORK FOR COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL GROUPS. THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER IT NOT ONLY REGRETTABLE BUT INDEED HIGHLY DANGEROUS TO A FURTHERING OF HARMONIOUS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IF INSTEAD OF AN AGREED SETTLEMENT A SERIES OF UNILATERAL ACTIONS WOULD IMPAIR OR ALTOGETHER FORESTALL FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, MY GOVERNMENT IS ALSO OF THE OPINION THAT ANY COMPROMISE SOLUTION MUST BE BASED ON A FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STAY IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE US-DELEGATION AND I AM INFORMED THAT THESE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFERENCE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION IN THE INTEREST OF TIMELY AND POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL. SINCERELY,  
ERICH BIELKA END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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